



Big Wood River Bridge to Elkhorn Rd.

Reconstruction Project

Newsletter #2— August 2014

Preliminary Design Available for Review

General Steps and Schedule

Preliminary Design <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surveying and mapping• Traffic analysis• Geotechnical investigations• Utility coordination• Preliminary roadway and drainage design• Preliminary bridge design• Local government coordination/Presentations• Stakeholder/property owner communications• Public open house #1 – August 26, 2014	February 2014 through Fall 2014
Environmental Re-evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wetland impact evaluation• Biological assessment• Noise modeling and evaluation• Wildlife and vegetation evaluation	Spring 2014 to Summer 2015
Final Design <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roadway plans• River hydraulics• Bridge design• Utilities design• Retaining walls and drainage• Local government coordination• Stakeholder/property owner communications• Public Open House #2 – winter/spring 2015	Fall 2014 through Fall 2015
Advertisement and Contracting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete bid documents and advertise• Award project to a contractor	Winter 2015 to Spring 2016
Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specific construction approach to be announced prior to beginning construction	2016 to 2017

Public Involvement Progress: Since beginning the design process in February, the team has conducted stakeholder interviews with representatives from adjacent businesses, affected property owners, local law enforcement and emergency services, affected organizations, city and county planning departments and the Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee. The team has also made public presentations to local government elected officials and agency representatives to inform them of the project and gather initial comments.

Input from these activities has been provided to the technical design team for consideration in the design process. For more information, see contact information on back of this newsletter or visit the project web site at <http://itd.idaho.gov/Projects/D4Idaho75TimmermanToKetchum/bigwoodriverbridge.asp>

Project Background: The Big Wood River Bridge to Elkhorn Rd. project (BWRB) is the second project, following the Timber Way to Big Wood River Bridge project, to advance since the completion of the Idaho 75 Timmerman to Ketchum Environmental Impact Statement (Idaho 75 EIS) in 2008. Like the Timber Way project, the BWRB project follows the design concepts defined in the Idaho 75 EIS, which can be viewed at <http://www.itd.idaho.gov/projects/D4/Idaho75TimmermanToKetchum/>. The project is fully funded and is planned for construction in 2016/17.

Design Process Status: With the execution of the upcoming Public open house, the design team will have completed the tasks outlined in the “Preliminary Design” section of the “General Steps and Schedule” table shown at left. The tasks listed under “Environmental Re-evaluation” section are in progress and on schedule. The design team is also working with community representatives to incorporate aesthetic treatments into the project design.

Project Description:

- Replace and widen the bridge to 74 ft. with four 12 ft. lanes, plus a 4 ft. median and adequate shoulders
- Reconstruct Idaho 75 north of the bridge to transition into the existing four-lane roadway configuration
- Retain the existing center turn lane and signal at Elkhorn Rd.

Issues We’ve Heard From Stakeholders:

- Safety for motorists and pedestrians
- River hydrology and riparian vegetation
- Environmental impacts
- Wildlife safety and passage
- Aesthetics
- Recreation access
- Drainage



Public Open House

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Kentwood Lodge - 180 So. Main St., Ketchum

Drop in anytime to view the preliminary design for the bridge and roadway improvements

Preliminary Bridge Design

South to Hospital

North to Elkhorn Rd.

35' 80' 80' 35'

13'-8"

33'-4"

14'-2"

Wildlife Passage Area

Note: The bridge profile is approximately 3' higher than the existing bridge.

Note: The new bridge will be approximately 30' longer than the existing bridge.

Wildlife Passage Area



“Atención - Si usted quiere la información acerca de este proyecto en Español, llame por favor al (208) 334-4444 / Ana Gonzalez (208) 886-7837”